GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UPGRADATION OF JAGUAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry sanctioned Rs. 158 crore for retromodification of 35 Jaguars in November 1996 but not a single Jaguar has been upgraded till the end of May, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of Jaguars that have been upgraded by now; and

(c) the measures, the Government have taken to get the Jaguar upgraded immediately and to make it fully operational under all circumstances for day and night?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Government sanctioned the upgrade of Jaguar aircraft in November 1996.Actual upgrade has not taken place due to a change in the Standard of Preparation (SOP). Necessary arrangements have been made to speed up the programme.